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INSIDE REPORT

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BIRCH BAYH'S REWARD

WASHINGTON -- FORMER SEN. BIRCH BAYH, THE DEFEATED EX-CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE AND HAIRSHIRT OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA), WAS GIVEN THE CIA'S HIGHEST AWARD IN AN UNANNOUNCED, CLOSED-DOOR CEREMONY IN ADM. STANFIELD TURNER'S PRIVATE DINING ROOM DEC. 18.

THIS WAS CIA DIRECTOR TURNER'S REWARD FOR BAYH'S ROLE IN HELPING MAKE DANGEROUS CUTS IN THE AGENCY'S CLANDESTINE OPERATIONS. CONSIDERED AN ENEMY BY PROFESSIONAL INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS, BAYH QUIETLY BACKED TURNER'S FIRST MAJOR MOVE AT THE CIA: PRUNING LITERALLY HUNDREDS OF "SPIES" FROM THE PAYROLL.

BAYH ALSO HELPED TURNER BLOCK ATTACKS BY CONSERVATIVE REPUBLICAN MEMBERS OF THE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE. THE REWARD WAS THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL, GIVEN ONLY ONCE BEFORE TO ANY MEMBER OF CONGRESS. WILLIAM MILLER, BAYH'S TOP COMMITTEE AIDE AND ANOTHER CIA HAIRSHIRT, WAS HONORED AT THE SAME LUNCHEON WITH THE CIA'S SEAL MEDALLION, A LESSER AWARD.

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PRESIDENT-ELECT RONALD REAGAN'S HOPE FOR DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE, HIS OLD FRIEND WILLIAM PATRICK CLARK, HAS RUN INTO SEVERE PROBLEMS ON THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE BASED ON ONE POINT: CLARK'S POLITICAL CONSERVATISM.

PUBLICLY, LIBERAL DEMOCRATS ON THE COMMITTEE COMPLAIN THAT CLARK, NOW A CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT JUSTICE, LACKS EXPERIENCE TO BE NO. 2 AT STATE. BUT THAT DID NOT HURT DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE WARREN CHRISTOPHER, A LOS ANGELES LAWYER WHO ALSO LACKED ANY DIPLOMATIC EXPERIENCE. THE REAL REASON FOR LIBERAL OPPOSITION TO CLARK IS HIS

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WELL-KNOWN HARD-LINE VIEW ON FOREIGN POLICY.

IF THERE HAD BEEN NO OPPOSITION TO GEN. ALEXANDER HAIG AS SECRETARY OF STATE, CLARK WOULD HAVE BEEN APPOINTED BY NOW. REAGAN IS NOT AFRAID OF ANOTHER SENATE FIGHT, BUT NEITHER IS HE EAGER FOR BOTH HIS TWO TOP STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS TO ENDURE BRASS-KNUCKLE FIGHTS IN THE SENATE.

WORRYING ABOUT PERCY

REAGAN OPERATIVES BECAME SO CONCERNED ABOUT SEN. CHARLES H. PERCY'S CONDUCT OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE'S HAIG HEARINGS THAT A SERIOUSLY ILL MAJORITY LEADER HOWARD BAKER WAS PREVAILED UPON TO TELEPHONE ADVICE FROM HIS HOSPITAL BED.

BAKER, SECOND-RANKING REPUBLICAN TO PERCY ON THE COMMITTEE, WAS SUPPOSED TO MASTERMIND STRATEGY FOR CONFIRMATION OF GEN. ALEXANDER HAIG AS SECRETARY OF STATE UNDER A PRIVATE AGREEMENT BETWEEN PERCY, BAKER AND REAGAN TRANSITION AGENTS. WHEN BAKER WAS STRUCK DOWN BY DIVERTICULITIS, PERCY WAS ON HIS OWN.

EVEN BEFORE BAKER'S ILLNESS, REAGAN OPERATIVES WERE FURIOUS OVER PERCY GOING ALONG WITH SEN. CLAIBORNE PELL, THE COMMITTEE'S SENIOR DEMOCRAT, IN AGREEING TO SUBPOENA WATERGATE TAPES. BAKER WAS ASKED TO CALL PERCY FROM HIS SICKBED WHEN THE CHAIRMAN PLACED SO MUCH STRESS ON THE "INVESTIGATION" CONTINUING EVEN AFTER HAIG WAS CONFIRMED.

HAIG SCORES

BEHIND THE EMOTIONAL EXCHANGES BETWEEN SECRETARY OF STATE-DESIGNATE HAIG AND LIBERAL SENATORS WAS AN OUTPOURING OF MAIL, TELEGRAMS AND TELEPHONE CALLS TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE BACKING HAIG BY WELL OVER 2-TO-1.

WHAT FASCINATED DIPLOMATS WAS THE HIGH VOLUME OF MESSAGES FROM EUROPE, WHICH GAVE HAIG OVERWHELMING BACKING. OBVIOUSLY REMEMBERING HAIG'S YEARS IN EUROPE AS SUPREME COMMANDER OF NATO, EUROPEANS SENT NEARLY 100 WIRES TO HAIG.

OVERALL, MESSAGE COUNTERS SAY THAT HAIG WAS BACKED ABOUT 2-TO-1, WHEN LETTERS AND TELEGRAMS TO THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE WERE ADDED. MANY OF THESE SENATE MESSAGES OPPOSING HAIG CAME FROM THE TWO STATES OF HAIG'S HARSHTEST CRITICS: MARYLAND (SEN. PAUL SARBANES) AND MASSACHUSETTS (SEN. PAUL TSONGAS).

PENTAGON BLUES

FRUSTRATION BY DEFENSE EXPERTS CONTINUED WHEN THEY LEARNED THAT YET ANOTHER DEFENSE NEOPHYTE IS A STRONG PROSPECT FOR HIGH PENTAGON OFFICE: NICHOLAS VELIOTES, A PROFESSIONAL DIPLOMAT WHO IS NOW AMBASSADOR TO JORDAN, TO BE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS (ISA).

THE APPOINTMENT OF CASPAR WEINBERGER AS SECRETARY OF DEFENSE AND FRANK CARLUCCI AS DEPUTY SECRETARY ANGERED THE DEFENSE COMMUNITY NOT SO MUCH BECAUSE OF THEIR VIEWS BUT BECAUSE OF THEIR LACK OF THEM. THAT ANGER WAS SOFTENED WHEN WORD WAS SPREAD THAT PAUL NITZE, A DEPUTY SECRETARY UNDER LYNDON JOHNSON AND A RESPECTED FIGURE IN DEFENSE CIRCLES, PROBABLY WOULD BE UNDER SECRETARY FOR POLICY.

BUT CARLUCCI THEN RECOMMENDED VELIOTES, A FELLOW FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER, FOR THE ISA POST. THAT CONVINCED THE DEFENSE EXPERTS THAT REAGAN'S INNER CIRCLE HAS NO REAL CONCEPTION OF THE EXPERTISE NEEDED IN PENTAGON POSTS TO MANAGE THE NATION'S MILITARY MACHINE.

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